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MSD Notice of Construction
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW NO. 3 – HARRISON AND STATE AVENUES
HIGH WATER/DRY WEATHER PROTECTION
In City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Cincinnati, August 23, 2005 - The Board of County Commissioners recently approved funding for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) No. 3 – Harrison and State Avenues, High Water/Dry Weather Protection. Managed by the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD), construction is scheduled to begin August 29, 2005, with equipment mobilization and site preparation activities. The construction is to be completed in November 2005.

The project will reduce overflow occurrences from CSO No. 3 by preventing the Mill Creek from flowing into the combined sanitary and storm water sewer system as the result of storm events and high creek water elevations. This will be accomplished by the installation of a backflow prevention valve in a chamber within the existing sewer. The construction contract was awarded to Sunesis Construction for \$265,000. The project is in compliance with the “Global Consent Decree”.

This project is part of MSD’s ongoing Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is focused on continually updating and improving the operation of MSD’s wastewater collection and treatment systems.

Every day, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) manages the effective collection and treatment of more than 200 million gallons of wastewater and actively maintains 3,000 miles of sanitary and combined sewers that run through the 49 municipalities and townships of Hamilton County. Owned by Hamilton County and operated by the City of Cincinnati, MSD is committed to continually maintaining and improving its wastewater collection and treatment systems for the betterment of both public and environmental health.

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